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SUMMARY. DEMOCRATS INVITE AND THAI NATION ACCEPTS OFFER TO JOIN COALITION GOVERNMENT WITH SOCIAL JUSTICE AND SOCIAL NATIONALIST PARTIES. NEGOTIATIONS NOW UNDER WAY ON WHO GETS WHAT MINISTERIAL PORTFOLIO. STUMBLING BLOCK IS DEFENSE PORTFOLIO WHICH THAI NATION LEADER PRAMAN ADIREKSAN COVETS BUT WHICH HAS ALLEGEDLY BEEN OFFERED TO RETIRED GEN. KRIT SIWARA. END SUMMARY.

1. A WELL-INFORMED THAI NATION PARTY (TNP) MEMBER CONFIRMED TO EMBOFF ON APRIL 9 ACCURACY OF PRESS REPORTS OF SAME DAY THAT TNP PLANS TO JOIN SOCIAL JUSTICE AND SOCIAL NATIONALIST PARTIES IN COALITION WITH THE DEMOCRATS. THIS GRAND COALITION WILL HAVE 206 OF THE 279 SEATS IN THE NEW PARLIAMENT.

2. NEGOTIATIONS BETWEEN THE DEMOCRAT AND THAI NATION PARTIES OVER THE DIVISION OF CABINET POSTS ARE CONTINUING. ACCORDING TO THE TNP MEMBER, THE STUMBLING BLOCK
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IS THE MINISTER OF DEFENSE PORTFOLIO, WHICH THAI NATION

LEADER PRAMAN ADIREKSAN IS DEMANDING BUT WHICH THE DEMOCRATS HAVE ALREADY COMMITTED TO RETIRED GEN. KRIT SIWARA.

3. ACCORDING TO PRESS REPORTS, THE 31 CABINET POSTS (INCLUDING BOTH MINISTERIAL AND DEPUTY MINISTERIAL POSITIONS) WILL BE DIVIDED THUS: DEMOCRATS, 18 SEATS (PRIME MINISTER, SEVEN OTHER MINISTERS AND 10 DEPUTY MINISTERS); THAI NATION, EIGHT SEATS (THREE MINISTERS AND FIVE DEPUTIES); SOCIAL JUSTICE, FOUR POSTS (TWO MINISTERS AND TWO DEPUTIES); AND THE SOCIAL NATIONALIST PARTY (ONE MINISTERIAL POST). DEMOCRATS HAVE INDICATED THAT THEY WILL WANT TO CONTROL THE AGRICULTURE AND COOPERATIVES, FINANCE, INTERIOR AND FOREIGN MINISTRY PORTFOLIOS.

4. COMMENT: THE PROBLEMS OUTLINED IN REFTTEL IF THAI NATION JOINS COALITION HAVE ARISEN. SEVERAL DAYS OF HARD BARGAINING APPEAR LIKELY BEFORE THE COALITION AND THE MAKEUP OF THE CABINET ARE FINALLY CONFIRMED.
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